



SOUTHWEST INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM #3

Alan Sinclair-Incident Commander

Long-term wildfire strategy; road work continues

Friday July 22, 2016

Fire: Fuller Fire
Acres: 14, 396
Cause: Lightning
Total Personnel: 502

Completion: 15%
Start Date: June 29, 2016
Location: Point Imperial, N. Rim Grand Canyon NP
Fuels/Topography: Timber, grass, rugged terrain

Yesterday: The fire had limited growth of 48 acres yesterday. Firefighters continue to strengthen fire control lines ahead of potential future fire spread to the west and north over the coming weeks and months. Crew also worked to remove hazards along Cape Royal and Point Imperial Roads.

“We are taking a holistic, long-term approach to the Fuller Fire,” said Ed Hiatt, North Zone Interagency Fire Management Officer. “The fire could naturally help restore the forest until snowfall and we are fully prepared for that possibility.”

Today: Extensive work will continue along Cape Royal and Imperial Point Roads in anticipation of opening these roads to Park visitors as soon as it is safe to do so. Crews are also working to rehabilitate fire lines to limit fire suppression impacts on the land. The fire will continue to smolder internally as the area dries out with the anticipate weather becoming hotter and drier this weekend.

Smoke: Southwest winds will push any smoke produced to the northeast. For more information on smoke and your health visit: <http://wildlandfire.az.gov/links.asp#Smoke>

Open: Highway 67; North Rim Visitor Center, Lodge and Campground; FSR 22 and Rainbow Rim Trail on Kaibab National Forest.

Closures: All USFS areas east of Highway 67 and south of Tater Ridge Rd (FSR 213) and east of House Rock Valley Rd (FSR 8910). Trails: Arizona Trail: Lindberg Hill north to the Park boundary; Ken Patrick Trail: starting at the Uncle Jim Trail junction; Point Imperial Trail; Nankoweap Trail; Saddle Mountain Trail, South Canyon Trail. Road closures include: Fuller Canyon Road; Cape Royal Road; Point Imperial Road; FSR 610; FSR 611. Closures will be in place until further notice.

Fire Information:

Inciweb: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4845

Text Message: text “follow GrandCanyonNPS” to 40404

Facebook: [facebook.com/FullerFire](https://www.facebook.com/FullerFire)

Twitter: twitter.com/GrandCanyonNPS

Fire Information Center: 844-684-5411; Recorded Information: 928-638-7688

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Photo: Fire burns along Cape Royal Road during nighttime burnout operations on the Fuller Fire on July 17, 2016.